

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. 25X1ATOPIC Eggesin KVPD 25X1AEVALUATION 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED 25X1ADATE OF CONTENT 14 March 1953DATE OBTAINED 25X1A DATE PREPARED 28 April 1953

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REMARKS

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1. On 14 March 1953, the Eggesin KVPD numbered 1,900 to 2,000 men and allegedly included the headquarters and a number of elements of the division. Some of the soldiers observed in the barracks installation, which was occupied to capacity, wore black-bordered blue, and some wore red-bordered black patches.¹
2. Weapons stored at the parking lots of the barracks installation included thirty-three 122-mm guns with splittrail gun carriages, twelve 76.2-mm AT guns, and 30 to 40 other guns of undetermined models. Seven two-axle armored scout cars and four radio trucks which were connected with a low wooden building were also at the parking lots. Fourteen 8 to 10 man squads were observed receiving basic training without weapons on the drill ground inside the barracks installation.

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A member of the unit stated that 100 factory-new 2.5-ton Phaenomen trucks arrived on 12 and 13 March 1953. Additional 100 new vehicles were expected to arrive during the following days.

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1. Comment. The statement on the size of the unit refers only to elements of the Eggesin Mecz Div, stationed at the town of Eggesin. The division is believed to total about 14,000 men including units transferred to winter quarters.

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